The Text-Book Committee and Prescription of Books.

161. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In regard to the Text-Books prescribed for use in schools during 1934-35, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the function of the Text-Book Committee; and

(*b*) whether the Director is competent to recommend, as Text-Books, books not approved by the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) (i) To take into consideration such books as may be submitted to it by the Director and to advise him in regard to the suitability of the text-books for the several Classes and Forms in recognised schools, for school libraries and for teachers' use; and

(ii) to advise the Education Department as to the steps to be taken for the preparation and publication of new text-books, when necessary.

(*b*) No.

Prescription of Text-Books from outside the approved list.

169. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In regard to the Text-Books prescribed for use in schools during 1934-35, will the Government be pleased to state whether there are not instances in the list of prescribed books for 1934-35, in which the Director has recommended prescription of books from outside the approved list?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the Arabic text-books prescribed for Mahomedan schools have been approved by the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Does the member refer to the Arabic text-books prescribed for the examination classes?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Yes.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Those books have not been approved by the Text-Book committee.

Prescription of Text-Books in English.

170. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In regard to the Text-Books prescribed for use in schools during 1934-35, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Headmasters are given permission to choose any English book out of the approved list?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, as laid down in Rule 30 of the Text-Book Committee Rules, dated the 15th December 1933.

Hardships caused by lack of uniformity in the use of Text-Books.

171. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): In regard to the Text-Books prescribed for use in schools during 1934-35, will the Government be pleased to state what measures the Director has taken

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to mitigate hardships that may be caused to pupils whose guardians may be transferred from one school area to another where the books used are different?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): None.

Issue of loans from the Land Mortgage Bank.

172. *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have objected to the Land Mortgage Bank advancing loans to clear agricultural loans and loans due to the Central Co-operative Bank, Limited, No. 1, on property security; and

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons for so doing?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

The Board of Management of the Land Mortgage Bank are not, however, granting loans for the discharge of—

1. Agricultural loans, as it is not desirable to grant a loan from Government to discharge another loan granted by Government for a specific purpose; and

2. Loans from the Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., No. 1, Trivandrum, since the properties on which the debts are charged are transferred to the Co-operative Bank on usufructuary mortgage and as such the applicants are not in possession of the property as required in Rule 22 (Land Mortgage Bank Rules) except as lessees of the Bank.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *De icolam*): May I know the reasons for not granting loans from the Land Mortgage Bank to clear off debts due to the Central Co-operative Bank, Trivandrum?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Central Co-operative Bank grants loans on the security of immovable property only when the possession of the properties concerned is passed on to the Bank by means of a mortgage deed in its favour, so much so that the borrower from the Central Co-operative Bank ceases to have legal possession of the properties offered as security But according to the rules of the Land Mortgage Bank, the properties offered as security must be in the legal and actual possession of the applicant for the loan.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Does the member know that, simultaneously with the granting of a loan to clear off the debt due to the Central Co-operative Bank, that Bank will give a release so far as the properties mortgaged to them are concerned?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I stated already, the rules of the Land Mortgage Bank require that the applicant for a loan must have the property offered as security in his possession at the time of the application.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I draw the attention of the member to he fact that such debtors to the

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